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The following is a translation of a report written by an official of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce concerning conditions in the Brunn glass factory (sic):

- An official of the French Military Government reports that large quantities
  of window glass are being shipped to Russia from the Brunn glass factory.
  An enquiry sent to the company brought in the following reply:
- 2. Early in September the Russians requested that 75% of the production of the glass factory be surrendered to them, allegedly not for export to Russia but for delivery to other Russian-controlled concerns. In return, the Russians offered to deliver raw material to Brunn. The Federal Ministry for Trade and Reconstruction rejected the offer stating that, although with some difficulty, the Brunn factory was able to procure its raw material itself and that an acceptance of the Russian proposal would completely disorganize existing delivery schedules.
- 3. The Russians deliver glass from Brunn direct to their customers without requiring any ration certificates. Furthermore, they have ordered the shipping department of the Brunn glass factory to sell the glass at retail prices instead of wholesale prices. This constitutes a violation of price controls. The main office in Vienna has no control over these manipulations and has no way of justifying this procedure with the Ministry, or of drawing up invoices without violating existing regulations. In addition, the main office in Vienna has been instructed to forward all incoming mail unopened to the Russian control officer in Brunn, who opens the mail and issues instructions. This hinders the normal course of business very seriously.

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